



Sylvia Lake Association Meeting  
August 9, 2013, 7:00PM  
Fowler Town Hall, Fowler, NY  
[www.sylvialake.org](http://www.sylvialake.org)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Members were welcomed by President Barbara Maloy Kane. Officers and board members were recognized. A big thank you to Linda Syrek for providing delicious treats for the meeting.

Officers:

President-Barb Maloy Kane

V-President-Wayne Jones (absent)

Secretary-Ralph Undercoffler (absent)

Treasurer-Michele Lallier (absent)

Board Members:

David Syrek

Robyn Estey

James Jackson

Bill deLorraine

Barb acknowledged the map update by Bill deLorraine. Bill explained that the new map has been distributed electronically to Jim Race, ST. Lawrence County Tax Mapping. Jim has sent the updated map e-version to the county emergency services. Laminated copies have been provided to local emergency agencies. The new maps include locations of areas that water pumpers have access. (Universal draw stations) In addition, Bill provided information for purchasing green reflective address markers from the Gouverneur Volunteer Rescue Squad. I will include a .pdf file of the information/ order blank. The phone number for additional information is: 315-287-1321

**Approval of the minutes** from June 28, 2013. Motion to accept: Jim Jackson/2nd Linda Syrek.  
Correction: Cora von Colln was the winner of the 50/50.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1/1/13-8/7/13

Deposits:

Dues:	100 members @\$25	\$2500
Town of Fowler:	Water Testing stipend	\$300
Candy Fundraiser:	Robyn's chocolate bar sales	\$579
Misc. :	50/50, picnic, donations	\$490
Interest:	Gouverneur Savings & Loan	\$5.89

Total Deposits: \$3874.89

Disbursements:

Concert	\$300
Country Club Spring Meeting	\$350
Newsletter (Spring)postage and supplies	\$209.75
Newsletter (Spring)design/publishing/printing 7 color pages/225 newsletters	\$225.00
Picnic	
Food	\$147.77
Misc. (paper products, ice)	\$59.06
Toilet	\$125
Total Picnic	\$328.83
Water Testing	
E-Coli (See Report)	\$120
Adirondack Lake Assessment Program 3 tests- June, July, August @Inlet&center (See Report)	\$280

Total Disbursements 1/1/13-8/7/13 \$1867.08

**Total Sylvia Lake Association Balance: \$8230.29**

Note: additional expenses will be incurred before year end. (e-coli water test #2, website management, database updates, buoys)

Thank you to all who have paid their dues. If you have not paid your annual dues, please send \$25 to Robyn Estey, Treasurer, 72 Cambray Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642 or pay online at [www.sylvialake.org](http://www.sylvialake.org)

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Water Quality:** David Syrek, Linda Syrek, Lea Dickson, Shari Barnhart, Millicent Hopper

Dave reported that e-coli testing this year included the inlet, middle, outlet, in the bays (Hotel, Wintergreen, Robinson)He reiterated the fact that no one should be drinking the water.(w/o sterilization, purification) Converse Laboratory reports will be available online.

Lea reported that the 2nd of three ALAP tests (Adirondack Lake Assessment Program) had been completed. Molly and Lea were amazed at the rapid decrease in the clarity of the water in 3 1/2 weeks since the previous test. (3 meters less visibility) The readings confirm that the inlet is contributing to the excessive amounts of nutrients flowing into the lake causing an alarming rate of weed growth in the southern part of Sylvia Lake. David Syrek and David McGrath have offered to assist for the final ALAP test if schedules permit.

**Fish and Game Committee:** Gale Ferguson, Gary Scott

Gale Ferguson reported that no boards are in the dam. From the June report, Gale is still wondering who pulled the boards. He intends to replace the boards upon need and will submit a bill at that time. In addition, he reported that there is weed growth observed in the outlet. At this time, the lake has a trickle flow drain rate. The lake will probably dropped an additional 5-6 inches.

The fishing derby was very successful. Approximately 10 families participate. Not as many rock bass were caught. (approx. 400) However, four + fish small mouth bass measured over 20 inches. The Association extends many thanks to the Ferguson family for organizing this event for over 30 years. Also, to the Force family who continually generously provide the prizes and trophies to derby winners.

**Navigation Committee:** Sandy Kraker, Ralph Undercoffler

### **Milfoil/Benthic Mat Barriers:**

Gale Ferguson provided a detailed description of the process to install, maintain, and move the mats to a different location. These mats compress the aquatic plants and reduce or block light which inhibits the plant growth. It requires 7 individuals to move the mats that are 12'Wx20'L. This includes 2 divers. Each mat has to be rolled and elevated. The mats are weighted with shot inside pvc every 4 feet. The mats have not been flipped this season. It is highly likely that some mats will not be located. Currently, members of the community are managing a total of 12 mats that cost \$270.00 each. Nine were purchased by the SLA. The consensus of discussion is that the milfoil is here to stay. That we can not pave the lake. However, it was agreed that certain channels or trails maybe needed in the southern part of the lake. The positive side of the increased weed growth is that fishing is good. A good deal of discussion included the importance of individual property owners taking responsibility for their frontage areas. A call went out for the location of the weed winders donated by the Roy and Mary Smith and the construction of additional winders by Sandy Kraker for a total of 13. If you have a Weeder Winder, please contact a board member. Discussion on the viability of the current process for milfoil eradication. It was suggested that the SLA Board discuss rules/ regulations for the management/maintenance of the benthic barriers at their next board meeting. Also, the need for the association to explore additional strategies to manage invasive weed growth.

### **Buoys-No report**

### **Boat Safety Course-Cancelled-no interest**

**Social Committee:** Faye Lockwood, Linda Syrek

**Kickoff Party/Spring Meeting**, June 28, 2013-Linda Syrek reported that approximately 75 members attended and the collection of dues went extremely well. Dave Syrek indicated that the invoice for the facilities and catering should be paid at the conclusion of the event. (Have check ready)The date for the 2014 meeting is yet to be determined, but concern was expressed about conflicting with the local schools' graduation. Jim Jackson suggested a Saturday. Dave and Linda Syrek will communicate with the country club for June availability.

**4th of July Activities- Outlet cleanup**, See photos on [www.sylvialake.org](http://www.sylvialake.org),

**Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby** (see report above). Gale Ferguson expressed concern that in no way should the Sylvia Lake Association be affiliated with or make a contribution to any fireworks display. The fireworks are contributing source of pollution to the lake and illegal without a permit. Barb assured Gale that this was a private display and contributions were made by individuals in the community.

**Concert**(Mike Welch and Friends)The concert continues to generate tremendous participation. Estimated 200+ enjoined the evening. A suggestion was made for a 2nd concert.

**Boat Parade** -Saturday, July 20, 2013- Robyn Estey was thrilled with the participation. Grand Marshal was Mary Jo Whalen. Robyn, coordinated the event and Missy Jones assisted as the boat parade wrangler. Many thanks to Harland Brown for providing the plaques to the winners.

Best of Show/Original Theme: Pontoon Boat, Smith Camp, "Sylvia Queen"

Best of Show/Original Theme: Small Boat, Dodds Camp, "Super Heroes"

Creative Children's Award: Kirby Camp, "Welcome to the Circus"

Spirit and Enthusiasm of Sylvia Lake Award, Ferguson Camp, "Cheers for Syracuse"

Honorable Mention: Porter Camp, "Red Neck Yacht Club"

Gadbaw/Sprague Camps, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"

O'Shaughnessy Camp, "Life of Pi"

See the [www.sylvialake.org](http://www.sylvialake.org) for a feature on Mary Jo and Whalen and a slide show of the parade.

Gale Ferguson expressed appreciation from his family for the 2013 Spirit Banner award. He promises they will take good care of the banner and display it proudly during the year.

**The Picnic**-Barb Kane was disappointed at the attendance of approx. 35-40 individuals. Lots of work. Is the picnic worth the cost and effort. Thank you to set-up crew Wayne Jones and Arnie Roberts, Hosts, Dick and Mary Jane Jones, Chefs Jim Jackson and Ralph Undercoffler and all who brought a

dish to share. Discussion regarding costs of event and the pros and cons of continuing this event. Should the event be moved back to the beach? Can tents be erected at the picnic area? Providing a portable toilet is a significant cost of the picnic. Also, wasted meat and supplies because of no RSVP. No way of judging food amounts.

**Nomination Committee/Constitution**-Olive Horning, Linda Syrek, Lea Dickson

Barb moved the committee report to follow old and new business.

Slate of Officers Presented by Linda Syrek. No nominations from Floor. Ron McDougall motion to close nominations and accept slate as presented. Motion passed.

**2013-2014 Sylvia Lake Association Officers and Board**

President	Barbara Maloy Kane	2013-2014
V-President	Jim Jackson	2013-2014
Secretary	Lea Dickson	2013-2014
Treasurer	Robyn Estey	2013-2014
Board Member	Bill deLorraine	2013-2015
Board Member	Michelle Lallier	2013-2015
Board Member	Ralph Undercoffler	2013-2015
Board Member	Shirley Putman	3013-2115

**Old Business:** Barb Kane expressed her appreciation for the efforts of Shari Barnhart. Shari Barnhart continues to provide immediate updates to the website, communicates with the community at large, provides the association with a current database of property owners, creates and publishes the newsletter and countless other tasks. It costs approximately \$700 for these services to the community. Dave Syrek reviewed the Board's goal of staying within its budget. A short discussion of previous fundraisers that had been dedicated specifically to certain functions of the association.

**New Business:** Dave Syrek provided an article that highlighted the use of blankets instead of mats. The board will review information for their fall meeting. Mrs. Force expressed her frustration with the continuous use of fireworks during the late evening hours. Her words. "its getting old." A reminder that fireworks are illegal and your celebration might not be welcomed by all. A question regarding date of "Fall" meeting. Is it too early in August?

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment and carried. 8:21PM

Members in Attendance:

Barbara Kane	Joann Orford
Robyn Estey	Greg Force
David Syrek	Rosalee Force
Linda Syrek	Carlton Force
Bill deLorraine	Ron McDougall
Joanna deLorraine	Jody Hatch
Jim Jackson	Lea Dickson
Maria McGrath	
David McGrath	
Gale Ferguson	
Sue Emrich	

Respectively submitted,  
Lea E. Dickson, Secretary